

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**October 17, 2011**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board convened at 10:00 a.m. in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Schibner, IV, CMT, Chairperson  
Kristina Wright, CMT  
Michael Jennings Vines, CMT

**BOARD MEMBER  
ABSENT:** Joan Cordle, RN, CMT  
Ruth R. Smith, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director  
Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director  
Latasha Austin, Administrative Assistant  
Elaine Yeatts, Department of Health Professions Policy Analyst (*left meeting after public comment*)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Bowers-Lanier, American Massage Therapy Association-Virginia Chapter

**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A QUORUM:** With three members of the CMT Advisory Board present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Schibner called the business meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Welcome and introductions were done for (2) new advisory board members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** An overview was done of the minutes from the last Massage Therapy Advisory Board meeting held on April 4, 2011. Minutes were approved.

An update was given on the Board of Nursing actions regarding the recommendation from the April 4, 2011 meeting. Board members were given a copy of the Draft of Legislation provided by Ms. Yeatts. The Draft Legislation is currently pending the 2012 General Assembly. Ms. Yeatts informed the advisory board members that we should know tentatively by December 1, 2011 if the Draft legislation will be included in the Governors packet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Bowers-Lanier informed the advisory board members that the Virginia Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) is proposing to submit a bill to require licensure for massage therapist in Virginia instead of

certification. This would increase portability and give a more generalized and basic scope of practice for massage therapist.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

New Board members Kristina Wright, CMT and Michael Vines, CMT gave an overview of the New Board Member Orientation held on September 24, 2011. Both new advisory board members commented that the orientation was beneficial.

Ms. Krohn gave an overview of the FSMTB's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting she attended October 13-16, 2011. The FSMTB is currently working on a professional licensing report that will be sent electronically to State Board Members. The FSMTB has a new candidate handbook coming out and they also now offer the MBLEX exam in Spanish. Ms. Krohn attendance at the meeting was funded by the FSMTB.

Mr. Schibner announced his official resignation from the Massage Therapy Advisory Board effective today. Ms. Douglas and Ms. Krohn thanked Mr. Schibner for his contributions.

Because all advisory board members were not present at today's meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Schibner to recommend Ms. Wright as the interim chair of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board until the Advisory Board could meet with all members present. At that time, a chair and co-chair will be nominated and voted on by the advisory board members. (The co-chair position was left vacant by Ms. Kaestner term ending.) The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines and carried unanimously.

**FUTURE MEETING**

**DATE:**

A future meeting date will be determined after the appointment of Mr. Schibner's replacement on the advisory board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Brenda Krohn RN, MS**

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